

REMARKS

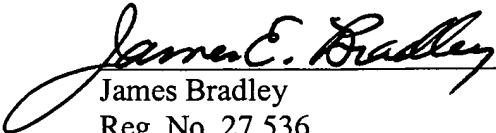
On an initial note, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-5 are allowed and that Claims, 26, 28, and 29 include allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on March 5, 2007, discussing rejected claims 20, 21, 27, and 30, and for tentatively indicating that amendments discussed during the interview would put the remaining claims in allowable form over the Bleile and Anderson references. Nevertheless, to expedite issuance of a patent, Applicant has amended Claims 26 and 28, accordingly, and canceled Claims 20-25, 27, and 30. Remaining Claims 29 and 31 are dependent upon allowed Claims 28 and 1, respectively. Applicant, under separate cover, is filing a continuation application to introduce the rejected claims subsequently amended in accordance with the discussions during the March 5, 2007 interview. The Applicant submits that these amendments and corrections herein are made without prejudice as to patentability, including the doctrine of equivalents, and no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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